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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES

1. I HAVE NOTED ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS THAT IN ORDER AVOID
HARD CHOICE BETWEEN EXPELLING QADUM SETTLERS OR AUTHORIZING
THEM TO REMAIN, GOI MIGHT SEEK COMPROMISE (REPORTEDLY BEING
WORKED OUT BY GALILI) WHICH WOULD INVOLVE AUTHORIZING STRING
OF NEW SETTLEMENTS IN AREAS OTHER THAN NEAR WEST BANK
POPULATION CENTERS. REPORTS ALSO STATE THAT SOME IN GOI
WOULD SEE SUCH AUTHORIZATION AS FITTING ISRAELI REPLY
TO AMBASSADOR SCRANTON'S RECENT STATEMENT IN SC ON OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF DEGREE TO WHICH
RABIN MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO "SOLVE" THE QADUM CONFRONTATION
WITH THE OPPOSITION, AND WITH THE RIGHTISTS WITHIN HIS
COALITION, BY AUTHORIZATION OF, SAY, STRING OF NEW SETTLE-
MENTS MENTIONED TEL AVIV 2362. WOULD PARTICULARLY
APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE USEFUL
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FOR US TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH RABIN. IN THIS REGARD,

KEEP IN MIND THAT IF GOI WERE TO TAKE DECISION AUTHORIZING
NEW SETTLEMENTS WE MIGHT FIND IT DIFFICULT, IN AFTERMATH
OF SCRANTON STATEMENT AND IN LIGHT OF ARAB REACTIONS TO
AUTHORIZATION, NOT TO REACT PUBLICLY AND STRONGLY TO GOI

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